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December 2012

President's Message

Hey, December already! This will be the last General meeting in 2012. We have had a great year and many have been involved in making this happen by taking an active part in the following events during the year, they are: AARA Hamfest, Field Day, Louisiana State Statehood 200th Anniversary, Tour du Teche Canoe Race, Cajun Cup 10 K Run and Go-Kit Day just to name a few. If you did not get involved this year, try to be active during 2013.

I have decided not to run for the third year as AARA Club President, I think it is time for some new blood to step in and carry on the torch. There are many in our club that qualify to take this position, just a matter to get them motivated and hold up their hands. Nick Pugh K5QXJ has volunteered as Nominating Committee Chairperson and will gladly like to hear from anyone wanting to accept a position as an officer in the club. Members of the committee are Larry KE5KJD, Archie W5AG and Galen KF5BET you may want to contact one of them.

We are still looking for volunteers to provide refreshments for the General Meeting for year 2013 (club will reimburse you, just save receipts), January and October are already taken. Contact me to get on the list.

The December General Meeting will be a "covered dish affair", everyone is asked to bring some kind of food item, the AARA will furnish the main entrée and soft drinks. This will be a short

business meeting with most of the emphasis being EATING & SOCIAL fun. **No VE Testing!** Meeting time at 6:00 PM at the Red Cross Building.

At the November meeting, Rick Breaux N5RLM mentioned that Joy Breaux N5YCS is to have knee surgery just prior to the meeting and that they will not be able to attend the meeting. Keep Joy in your prayers!

Nick Pugh K5QXJ announced to me that the Children's Museum of Acadiana will again hold Technician Classes in late January, no specific date and times were announced at this time. Check e-mails and nets for this information. Another item, Nick would like to do another "Santa Meets the Kids" via ham radio and video at the CMA - Date and Time to be announced.

The January 2013 issue of the LARC will feature articles on the Go-Kit Day and the Boy Scout Winter Camp Radio Merit Badge Course at Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp.

I will resume the position as LARC Editor beginning January 1st, 2013.

Our 2013 AARA Hamfest procedures have started to begin, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP (Chairperson) and Rick Breaux N5RLM (Assistant Chairperson) have volunteered to make this another unforgettable one.



*Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!*



Herman Campbell KN5GRK
AARA President



THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS

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Thanks

**The AARA Christmas Banquet Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 6th, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.
NO VE TESTING TONIGHT**



DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 6th @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

MARA Christmas Hamfest
December 15, 2012 - Minden, LA

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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MARA Christmas Hamfest

December 15, 2012



Location:

Our Annual Christmas Hamfest will be held at the Minden, LA, City Hall located on 520 Broadway St, Minden, LA.

Times:

8:00 am doors open.

Prize drawing held approximately 2:00-3:00 pm, with door prizes being drawn periodically during the event.

Talk-In: 147.300 PL186.2 (NLA Link System)

Swap tables will be available for \$5 per table for those who wish to sell merchandise.

Tickets:

Entrance tickets are \$5 each, available at door at the hamfest.

Prizes:

- 1st: Kenwood TS-480SAT HF Transceiver
- 2nd: Kenwood TM-V71A VHF+VHF/VHF+UHF/UHF+UHF
- 3rd: The MFJ-259B Antenna Analyzer

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Tickets may be obtained from any member or contact Fran, KD5LKB, or Dusty, N5COL.

Participating Vendors:

These vendors have agreed to participate this year in the hamfest include:

Main Trading Company - Furnishing our prize radios

Palmetto Antennas, LLC

The SignMan of Baton Rouge

VE Testing - all levels, 9am to 12pm

MARA website:

<http://www.n5rd.org/activity.htm>

Thanks to the Hams

We would like to thank all of the Amateur Radio (Ham) operators who helped with communications for the Tour du Teche canoe race.

This year we also had help from the Morgan City BEARS club with Jackie Price coordinating.

Visitors thought that the operators were nice, dedicated and professional and asked questions like "What is that?" and "What are you doing?"

Herman Campbell, Mike Ancona and Nick Pugh worked to connect the repeaters known as EchoLink for the 135-mile course. Larry LeBlanc, Andre LeBlanc, Jackie Wallace, Ric Wallace and Sandy LeBlanc worked the Command Center, the "Crawfish Hole," in Breau Bridge.

Checkpoint volunteer staffers included Glenn Thibodeaux, George Donaldson and his wife CeCe, Archie Hill, Dave Redfearn, Wayne Thibodeaux, Galen Wilson and Kendra Wilson, Jess Gillion, Nick Pugh, JoAnn Pugh, Paul Coats and Rudy Duchan.

Race organizer Ray Pellerin thanked us for helping to make the race easy and safe. During the race he was able to meet all of the operators and commented on what a great group of dedicated volunteers.

This year the race had 100 boats with more than 250 registered participants.

Sandy LeBlanc

Tour du Teche Ham Radio Coordinator

Read more: [Techetoday.com](http://www.techetoday.com) - Thanks to the Hams

http://www.techetoday.com/view/full_story/20574458/article-Thanks-to-the-Hams

November 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2012

CLUB MEETING:

- AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting with a word of prayer and then all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 15 members in attendance.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during October.
- James Dickinson KC5IOA passed his General exam. Congratulations!!

Minutes: The October minutes were not read as they were posted in the November LARC – accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Breau N5RLM gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Calvin Begnaud KD5JCT, seconded by Paul Scallan K5VSH, the Treasurer's Report was approved. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Club Dues: If you pay dues of \$20.00 \$10.00 for Seniors 65 plus) now, you will be paid up for the years 2012 & 2013.

New Business:

Nomination Committee: Chairman, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, members Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Archie Hill W5AG, and Galen Wilson KF5BET.

The nominating committee will present a proposed slate of officers and two (2) Members-at-Large for the Board of Directors [see Article VIII Section 1.B.1.] and if applicable three (3) Members-at-Large will be presented at the January membership meeting each year. This slate will be published in the February issue of the LARC, the official journal of the association. Nominations from the floor and the election will take place at the February membership meeting. Nominations presented by the nominating committee or from the floor must have the prior consent of the nominee.

Elections will be held and the new officers will be installed at the March Banquet meeting after the Hamfest.

2013 Hamfest: The 2013 Hamfest will be held at the Rayne Convention Center on March 8 – 9, 2013. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, volunteered again to be Hamfest Chairman. Glen will pick up the forms for Security from the Rayne City Hall.

Danny Daigle KD5JSM, will check on availability of crawfish for the "Crawfish Boil" on Friday evening. He will also check for the concessions.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, will do the applications for State Convention or Delta Division Convention, and have our Hamfest listings put in QST and CQ magazines. Herman will also contact Roland K5EUO to check on the Texas Ham Playboys to see if they will be available again for our 2012 Hamfest.

Weston Hebert KB5WI, will be in charge of the Bingo.

It was agreed that the Vendors will be able to stay open until 3 p. m. on Saturday, March 9th.

There will be no quantity discounts for the Raffles.

Forums will be held in the Blue Room. Laurie Hix from FLEX Radio will put on a software defined radio forum.

Rick Breau N5RLM, will have the flyer up and updated. Tables will be \$5.00 for flea market. Commercial tables - \$5.00, 2 admissions and 1 camping slot.

There was some discussion about a silent auction.

Other important dates:

Cajun Cup Run – 11/10/12
Chairman Jess Gillion KF5LUL

Boy Scout Winter Camp – 11/16 – 17, Chico State Park, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, will bring antenna trailer on Friday 16th and pick it up on Monday 19th. Archie

Hill W5AG and Jim Bookter N5NVP will head up this event.

Portable GoKit Day - November 17th. Watch e-mail or nets for details from Glen K5FNP.

Annual Christmas Banquet - December 6th at 6:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA. No VE Testing, No Business, just a social eating and fellowship meeting. The AARA will furnish main entrée and soft drinks, each member is asked to bring a covered dish of some kind.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, announced that as of January 1st, 2013, he will no longer call the Gulf Coast Sideband Net on Monday night at 0030 UTC on 3925 KHz.

Seven (7) large guy wire/strain insulators were donated to the club by Kris KD5QYV to be auctioned off and proceeds donated to the club. Archie W5AG had top bid.

Other announcements:

Jackson County Hamfest - Jackson, MS. November 16th & 17th, 2012.

MARA Christmas Hamfest - Minden, LA. December 15, 2012

AARA Hamfest, Rayne, LA March 8th & 9th, 2013

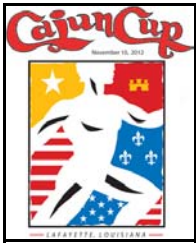
On motion by Nick Pugh K5QXJ, seconded by Galen Wilson KF5BET, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary



CAJUN CUP 10K RUN 2012 & AARA RUNNING IN THE STREETS!

by Jess Gillion KF5LUL - Chairperson



This year it was held on Saturday Nov, 10th with a start time of 8:05 am. The weather was flawless! It was cool in the high 50's as the race started and then warmed up to the 60's. A lovely day for a running and

ham radio to come together.

The AARA group consisted of the following hams on hand to lend their time, wisdom, cameras, beauty and services: Larry KE5KJD, Sandy KE5KJF, Danny KD5JSM, Greg K5LFT, Abbi KF5BEW, K e n d r a KF5FYS, G a l e n KF5BET and myself J e s s KF5LUL. We met up in the parking lot by Chase Bank



Sandy - Larry - Danny

downtown Lafayette at around 7 am for donuts provided by Larry and Sandy, and my typical last minute organization. Before that, I picked up several bright orange Cajun Cup "t" shirts and I spread the love when I got there around 7:05. For some reason, someone was upset that they didn't have a shirt to fit a Sasquatch?? We will work on that next year!

The Cajun Cup crew and Lafayette Police Department enjoy having the AARA Ham Radio Club on hand to help maintain order and keep things flowing smoothly. By positioning a Ham at each of the 6 check points we are able to radio in real time data on the lead male and female runners.

This may sound like it's not very useful, but to the contrary it is. The LPD made sure to stand by me and ask, "Has it started?, where are the lead runners?, where is the end bus?" The officer at my check point was monitoring my radio traffic and I was monitoring his. He was able to use our reports to relay information on his radio to other officers. He even commented that it's nice for you to be able to do that because it keeps down the traffic on their already busy system. The officer even commented that Ham Radio sure would be helpful for other events that they are involved in. Most officers know we are out there, but when they see Hams in action, I think it brings credibility to the hobby. The officers were impressed with how our repeaters work and how organized we were. The best question I got from one of the officers is: "Wait, so you guys have

a command center for your operations?". He seemed very impressed. So good job everyone!

While listening to LPD radio, I only heard of one runner with a injury. They sustained a sprained ankle. I believe they were picked up by the bus.

Below are a few of the comments I got from wonderful folks that helped out for this event and seem to be the ones that I see helping all the time.

Sandy, KE5KJF says:

"What a beautiful day!! We met at 7 a.m. for coffee, hot chocolate, donuts, and Beignets (so good). Everyone got their "t" shirt and assignment. By 7:30 a.m. everyone was in position and checking in. Jess did a wonderful job coordinating this event on behalf of the AARA. The weather was great for running. Communications were clear from all the check points. I had a wonderful time trying to see if I knew any of the runners passing Check point #6. I knew 3 (Nephew, Grand-niece and Grand-nephew). The jambalaya after was so good!"

Larry, KE5KJD says:

"Jess, The Cajun Cup race went off more smoothly than any I attended in the past. I was at the finish line where the results were announced. Last year they had the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Device) to clock in the runners at the finish line as they crossed over the rubber pads with the sensors. This year they had this technology again, but in addition to providing the results at the end of the race, they were able to show each runner as they crossed the finish line in real time, making the job of announcing a lot easier. In addition, these results were streamed to the internet where anyone who was interested could check on their favorite runner. Technology can improve our lives and this is one small example.

On another note, it was encouraging to see how many people did finish the race. In some cases, pushing two strollers with the children playing in the stroller while the parents ran the race. Also, there were several young people, both boys and girls that finished the race ahead of their older counterparts. As usual, the food was good and we even met my nephew and his two young children who ran in the 1K portion of the race.

Galen, KF5BET says:

"Hey Jess You Da Man!! : We were at mile marker 4. Raising Canes Restaurant was there to hand out water and Gatorade, so we helped them out. Also Jess, we think you're the best Chairperson that has ever done the Cajun Cup!"

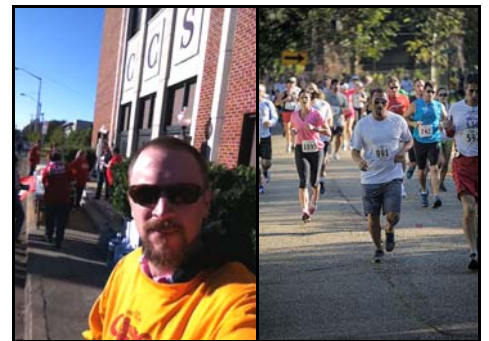
I have to agree with you Galen, thank you!

Naturally Galen kept his girls with him so he didn't have to do much. As always they did great work and kept him in line! Greg was on hand early taking pictures and spreading wisdom. Danny arrived early (special thanks for stepping up to fill a position at the last minute) and helped me eat the outstanding donuts that Sandy and Larry brought. I have to say, the beignets were unreal! Thank you so much for bringing those and the coffee.

Thank you for all those who helped out this year. It was a fun event as always. If your still reading this, next year make sure you put your name in the hat to help out! We can always use the extra help. If you help out you get a cool t-shirt and coffee, donuts and a free meal at the finish line party. Also its physically easy to do this event. We were done by around noon. So its quick and easy.

I know all of us would love to see some new faces at the events we do. It seems like its always the same folks helping out. You got the license, you paid your membership, now time to utilize it and help the club and community! So I hope to see you next year!

Jess Gillion
KF5LUL@aol.com



Jess KE5LUL

Runners

Here is a snapshot of the information presented on the laptop screen.↓

Place	Name	City	Bib No	Age	Gender	Age Group	Chip Time	Gun Time	Pace
1	Walter Whitfield	Lafayette LA	804	30	M	1 Top Fin	31:09.9	31:12.1	5:01/M
2	Joshua Sawe	Lake Charles LA	1047	25	M	2 Top Fin	31:56.6	31:59.0	5:09/M
3	Pat Gavin	New Orleans LA	1161	29	M	3 Top Fin	32:06.5	32:08.6	5:11/M
4	Jonathan Thomas	Baton Rouge LA	686	25	M	4 Top Fin	33:17.9	33:19.8	5:22/M

NOVEMBER 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	60	Ø	60	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	46	2	109	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	20	2	51	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	4	30	Ø	68	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	6M / 6G	Ø	19	KE5KJD Larry

What the caterpillar calls the end of the world the master calls a butterfly.
Richard Bach



Buford Joseph "Jay" Richard Jr. KC5BYD - Silent Key

On Monday, November 26th, 2012 Jay Richard became a Silent Key at the age of 50 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette, Louisiana.

He was a former member of the Acadiana Amateur Association, Inc. and a regular visitor to our AARA Hamfests.

A native and lifelong resident of the Crowley/Acadia Parish area. Known by friends and family as "Jay", he was well-known in the Ham Radio world. He used his radio to assist others, and was awarded for his assistance during Hurricane Katrina. He also had the opportunity to speak with astronauts on the International Space Station. Other hobbies were hunting and going to the casinos.

Mr. Richard's greatest joy in life was being with and caring for his family. He will greatly be missed by all who knew him. Please keep Jay and his family in your prayers.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2	AF5EJ	WAYNE
12/8	KE5LP	FRED
12/9	NA5Q	ROLAND
12/11	ND5C	PAT
12/22	KD5VPC	GERARD
12/22	K5GLD	BUTCH
1/1	K5QXJ	NICK
1/3	N5AUO	BARBARA
1/5	W5AG	ARCHIE

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

December 2012 Special Events & Contests

Dec. 7 & 8	W5LEX - USS Lexington (CV 16) Pearl Harbor Day.
Dec. 7 - 9	K5A - 150 th Anniversary of Battle of Prairie Grove.
Dec. 8 & 9	W2W - Pearl Harbor Commemoration.
Dec. 8	ARRL 10 Meter Contest (phone/cw).
Dec. 18-24	KC5OUR - Christmas in Bethlehem.
Dec. 21	NØD - Special Event Station for Doomsday! The End of the World!
Dec. 20-21	W2E - Doomsday 2012

NASA Scientists Address End-of-the-World Rumors And Yes, 2013 Is Coming!

Refer to the December 2012 issue of QST (page 95) for additional information and more listings of contests and "Special Event Stations".

November VE Test Results

James Dickinson KC5IOA of Rayne, LA. upgraded to General Class.

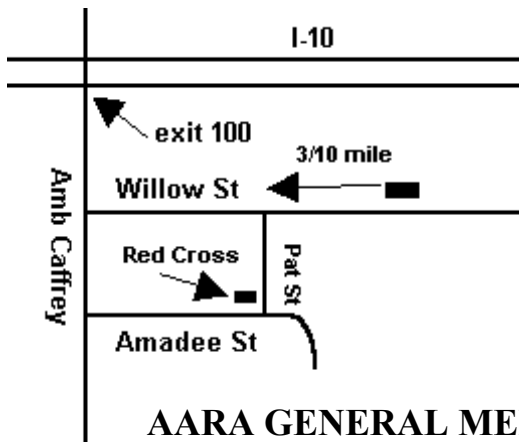
VE's Present:

Greg Dolan K5LFT, Mark Saltzman W5GTI, Rick Breaux N5RLM and Archie Hill W5AG

No VE Testing at the December General Meeting.

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday December 6th, 2012 - 6:00 PM

No VE Testing - Christmas Banquet

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Pork Loin Roast With Carolina Apple Compote

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 garlic cloves, minced | 1 tbsp lemon juice |
| 3 tsp dried Italian seasoning | 1 cup apple cider |
| 2 tsp salt | 5 tbsp sugar |
| 1/2 tsp pepper | 2 1/2 tsp orange zest |
| 1 3 pound boneless pork loin roast | 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon |
| 2 tsp canola oil | 1 pinch of ground cloves |
| 2 pounds Gala apples, unpeeled | 1 tbsp butter |
| | 1 kitchen string |

1. Combine first 4 ingredients. Rub mixture on all sides of pork roast. Tie pork with kitchen string, securing at 1-inch intervals. Cover and chill 2 hours.

2. Preheat oven to 375°. Brown roast in hot oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat 2 to 4 minutes on all sides. Place pork on a lightly greased rack in an aluminum foil-lined roasting pan.

3. Bake at 375° for 1 hour or until a meat thermometer inserted into thickest portion registers 150°. Cover roast with foil, and let stand 15 minutes before slicing.

4. Meanwhile, cut apples into bite-size pieces; sprinkle with lemon juice.

5. Add cider and next 4 ingredients to skillet. Cook, over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes or until slightly thickened. Add apples, and cook, stirring occasionally, 20 minutes or just until apples are tender and liquid is absorbed. Stir in butter until melted, and remove skillet from heat. Stir any accumulated pan juices from roast into compote. Serve compote immediately with pork.



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ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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